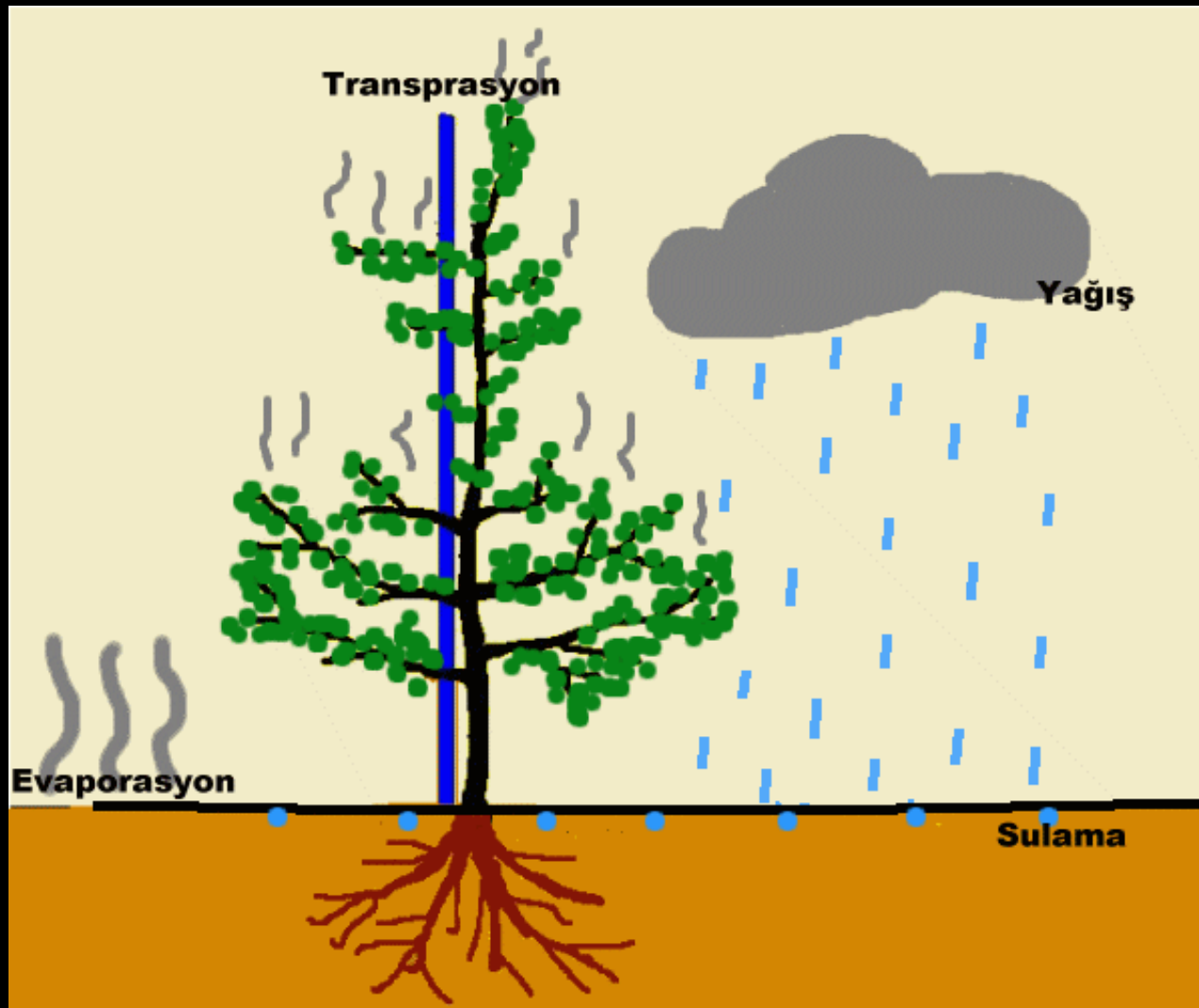


FOOD SOVEREIGNTY, WATER AND LOCAL STRUGGLES IN TURKEY

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Water -whether it comes from the sky or from the lakes, rivers or groundwater- is vital for agriculture as it is for all living beings.

There is no substitute item instead of the water



- Aridity is a non-natural disaster. It is the most effective on the farmers who are engaged in subsistent agriculture.
- Besides fossil oil and other factors, the industrial production model's direct contribution to global warming is about %11-15. The activities of clear land-deforestation aiming industrial agriculture is affecting %15-18.
- Industrial agricultural production model makes it difficult to access to water of the farmers who do subsistence farming.

The meaning of aridity for the agriculture;



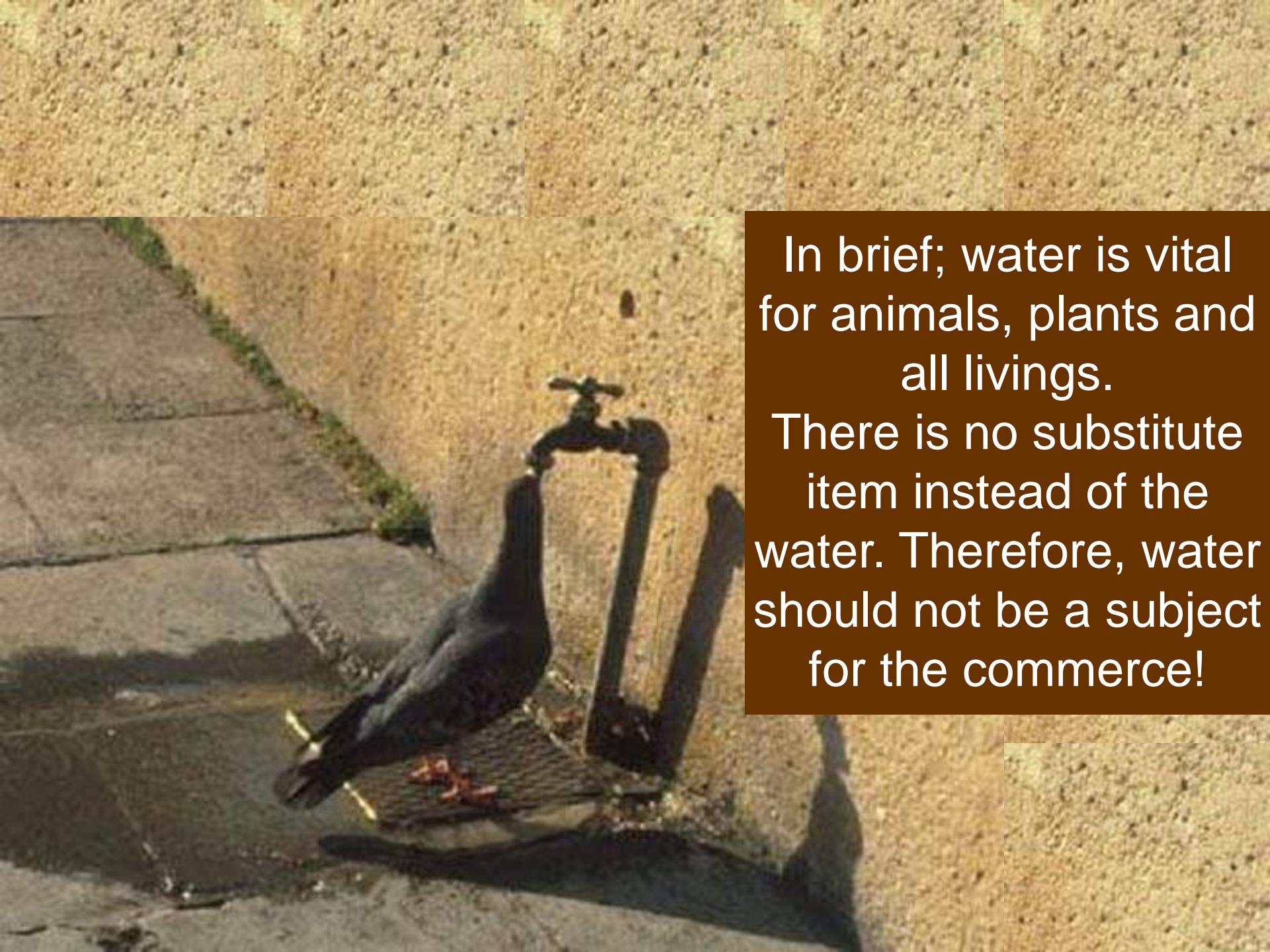
- Famine for people,



- giving up their job for the farmers who are engaged in subsistence agriculture,



- dehydration and death for children.



In brief; water is vital
for animals, plants and
all livings.
There is no substitute
item instead of the
water. Therefore, water
should not be a subject
for the commerce!



Yet water/energy
companies are
insistent on the
privatization of the
water!

Hydroelectric Power Plants (HPPs)



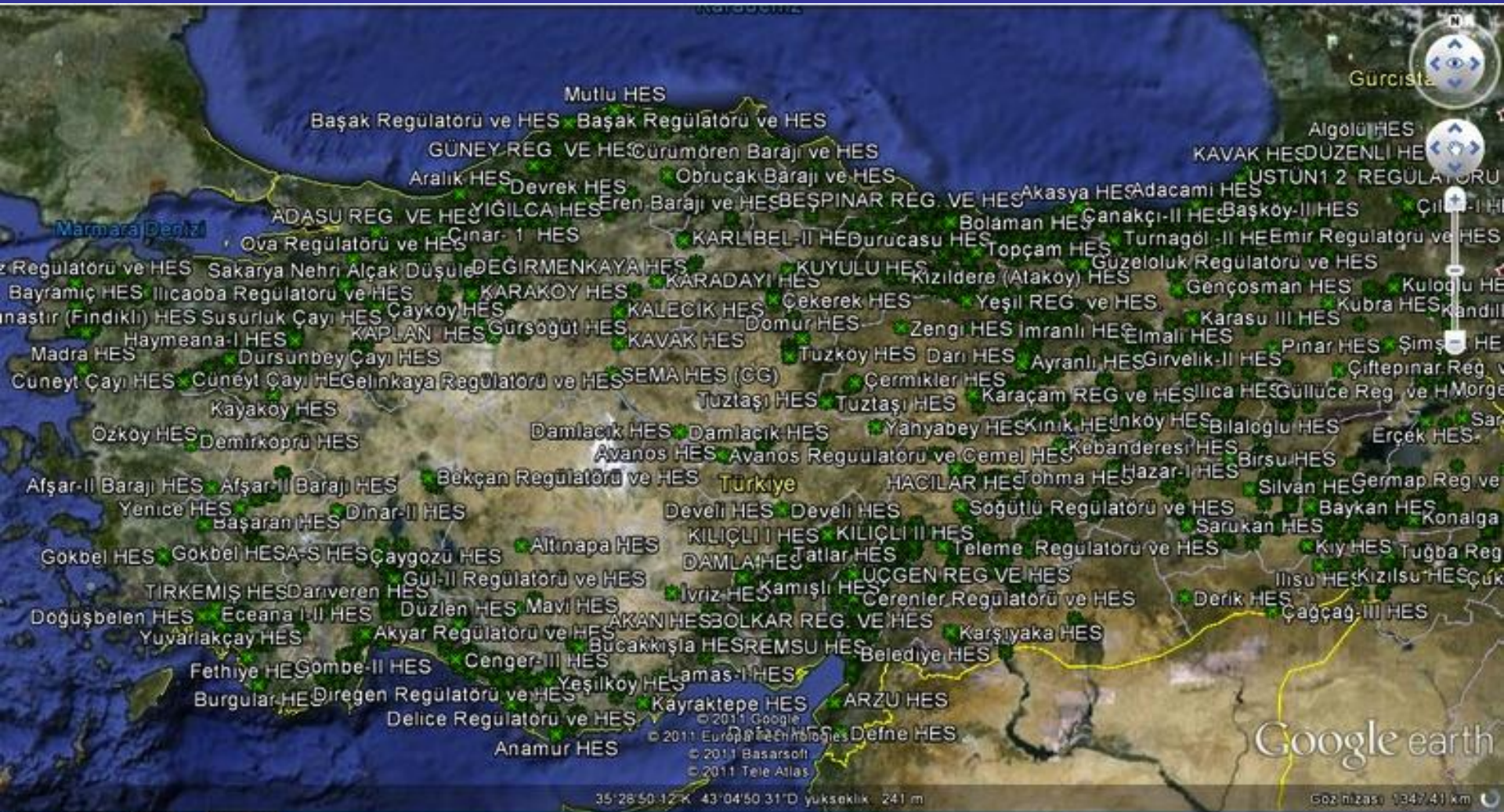


The number of active HPPs are
288.

The number of HPPs for which
Water Use Agreement
is signed is 1019.

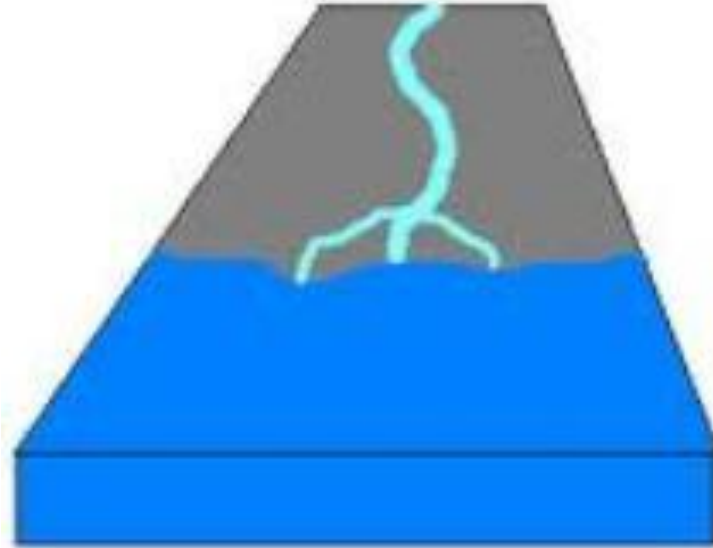
The number of licences given to
the companies exceed 2000.

Active and under construction HPPs in Turkey



HPPs will imprison water
into the pipes.





90% of the water that is vital for animals, plants and all living beings is transferred into the hands of water/energy companies For hydroelectric power plant construction projects.

And this happens in a time when even the total amount of water is not sufficient for the nature and all livings.

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When water is imprisoned into the pipes and tunnels for HPPs, the water left as «water for life» will not be sufficient for the ecological cycle



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